STATE OF VERMONT PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD

Docket No. 7770

Joint Petition of Central Vermont Public Service Corporation ("CVPS"), Danaus Vermont Corp., Northern New England Energy Corporation ("NNEEC") for itself and as agent for Gaz Metro Limited Partnership and its parents, Green Mountain Power Corporation ("GMP") and Vermont Low Income Trust for Electricity, Inc.("VLITE"), for approval of: (1) the merger of Danaus into and with CVPS; (2) the acquisition by NNEEC of CVPS and certain other Vermont companies; (3) the amendment to CVPS's Articles of Association; (4) the merger of CVPS into and with GMP; and (5) the acquisition by VLITE of a controlling interest in Vermont Electric Power Company, Inc.

Order entered: 10/3/2011

Additions to Scheduling Order And Notice of Workshop

On September 27, 2011, the Public Service Board ("Board") issued a scheduling order in this docket, which left the date for an informal workshop and the deadlines for motions to intervene and responses undetermined. On September 28, 2011, the Petitioners filed a letter with the Board proposing October 14, 2011, as the date for the informal workshop and indicating that the other parties in this docket were available on this date. Based on the Petitioners' filing, the Board in this Order sets the date for the informal workshop and the deadlines for intervention motions and responses.¹ No other changes to the schedule are being made at this time.

The Board also notes that the Petitioners have two pending motions in this docket: (i) a motion for a protective order that was filed on September 27, 2011; and (ii) a motion to amend the joint petition (which was responsive to the Board's request at the prehearing conference) that was filed on September 28, 2011. The other parties shall have until October 12, 2011, to file responses, if any, to these motions.

^{1.} Under the Board's Order of 9/27/11, the establishment of the deadline for intervention motions was linked to the timing of the informal workshop. The Board wished to allow interested persons to have the benefit of the informal workshop before having to decide whether to file motions to intervene in this proceeding.

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On September 26, 2011, International Business Machine Corporation ("IBM") filed a motion to intervene and a motion for admission *pro hac vice*. On September 30, 2011, Omya, Inc. ("Omya") filed a motion to intervene. The deadline for responses to the motions of IBM and Omya will be the date set forth below for responses to motions to intervene.

Consistent with the foregoing, the Board establishes the following revised schedule for this proceeding:

Prehearing Conference	September 21, 2011
Amended Petition	September 28, 2011
Informal Workshop	October 14, 2011
Deadline for Motions to Intervene	October 17, 2011
Responses to Motions to Intervene	October 21, 2011
1st Round of Discovery Requests on Petitioners	October 7, 2011
Petitioners' 1st Round Discovery Responses	October 21,2011
2 nd Round of Discovery Requests on Petitioners	October 28, 2011
Public Hearing via VIT	November 1, 2011
Petitioners' 2 nd Round Discovery Responses	November 10, 2011
Non-Petitioners' Direct Testimony	November 18, 2011
Discovery Requests on Non-Petitioners' Testimony	November 23, 2011
Non-Petitioners' Discovery Responses	December 9, 2011
Petitioners' Rebuttal Testimony	December 16, 2011
Discovery Requests on Petitioners' Rebuttal	
Testimony	December 23, 2011
Petitioners' Discovery Responses	January 6, 2012
Surrebuttal Testimony by Non-Petitioners	January 13, 2012
Discovery requests on Non-Petitioners'	
Surrebuttal Testimony	January 20, 2012
Non-Petitioners' Discovery responses	February 3, 2012
Technical Hearings	Week of February 13, 2012
Briefs	March 16, 2012
Reply Briefs	March 30, 2012

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NOTICE OF WORKSHOP

Board staff will conduct a workshop on Friday, October 14, 2011, commencing at 1:00 P.M., at the Public Service Board Hearing Room, located on the 3rd Floor of the People's United Bank building, at 112 State Street, Montpelier, Vermont, which will be open to the participation by the parties and any interested person. The workshop will be recorded by a court reporter.

SO ORDERED.

Dated at Montpelier, Vermont, this <u>3rd</u> day of <u>October</u>	, 2011.
s/ James Volz)	PUBLIC SERVICE
s/ David C. Coen)	Board
s/ John D. Burke	of Vermont

OFFICE OF THE CLERK

FILED: October 3, 2011

ATTEST: s/ Susan M. Hudson
Clerk of the Board

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